GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:6332
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REGISTRATION OF BIRTHS AND DEATHS
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large number of births left unregistered in the country every year as pointed out by the UNICEF report presented to the Government in 1998;

(b) if so, the facts thereof;

(c) the latest position about the registration of births in the country;

(d) the remedial steps taken by the Government to bring the awareness among the people to this effect;

(e) whether there is also a provision to register Birth/Death on line;

(f) if so, the details thereof; and

(g) if not, the time by which it is likely to be made effective?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERS(PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI HARIN PATHAK)

(a)to(c): An estimated 106 lakh births accounting to about 41% of total births are left unregistered every year.

(d): (1) Wide publicity through electronic as well as print media and additional financial assistance to the States for the purpose.

Training is being organized from time to time by the Government of India and assistance is also being provided to the States for carrying out such trainings;

The grass root level functionaries like Anganwadi workers, ANMs, Panchayat members etc. and Non Government Organisations (NGOs) are being increasingly involved in improving public awareness.

(e): No, Sir.

(f)&(g): Do not arise in view of (e) above.

Statement : Estimated and registered number of births

States and Union Territories

States/U.Ts	Year	Estimated number (in`000)	Registered number (in`000)	Percentage registered
INDIA #	2001	25977	15391	59.2
States				
Andhra Pradesh	2001	1578	881	55.8
Arunachal Pradesh	1999	24	19	81.7
Assam	2000	710	275	38.7
Bihar	1995	2968	555	18.7

Chhatisgarh	2001	549	306	55.8
Goa	2000	19	23	Almost 100%
Gujarat	2000	1256	1115	88.8
Haryana	2001	568	417	73.5
Himachal Pradesh	2001	128	134	Almost 100%
Jammu & Kashmir	2000	195	133	68.1
Jharkhand	Included in Bihar			
Karnataka	2001	1176	866	73.6
Kerala	2000	567	594	Almost 100%
Madhya Pradesh	2001	1873	716	38.2
Maharashtra	2000	2008	1828	91.1
Manipur	2000	43	20	46.9
Meghalaya	2000	65	47	72.2
Mizoram	2001	14	20	Almost 100%
Nagaland	1994	25	24	94.6
Orissa	2001	862	711	82.4
Punjab	2000	518	478	92.2
Rajasthan	2001	1766	700	39.6
Sikkim	2000	11	9	80.0
Tamil Nadu	2000	1192	1115	93.5
Tripura	2000	53	34	65.2
Uttar Pradesh	1999	5242	2199	42.0
Uttaranchal	Included in Uttar Pradesh			
West Bengal	1999	1627	1599	98.3

Union territories

A & N Island	2001	6	6	Almost 100%
Chandigarh	1999	15	19	Almost 100%
Dadra & Nagar Haveli	2000	7	6	84.1
Daman & Diu	2001	4	4	Almost 100%
Delhi	2000	273	317	Almost 100%
Lakshadweep	1998	1	1	91.0
Pondicherry	2000	17	41	Almost 100%

Note. The level of registration is very high in smaller states due to this estimated number being related to the usual residence of the area whereas the registered events rate to the events that actually occur in the area

The number of births registered for the year 2001 has been projected on the basis of registration levels for the earlier years for those states where the latest figures are not available.